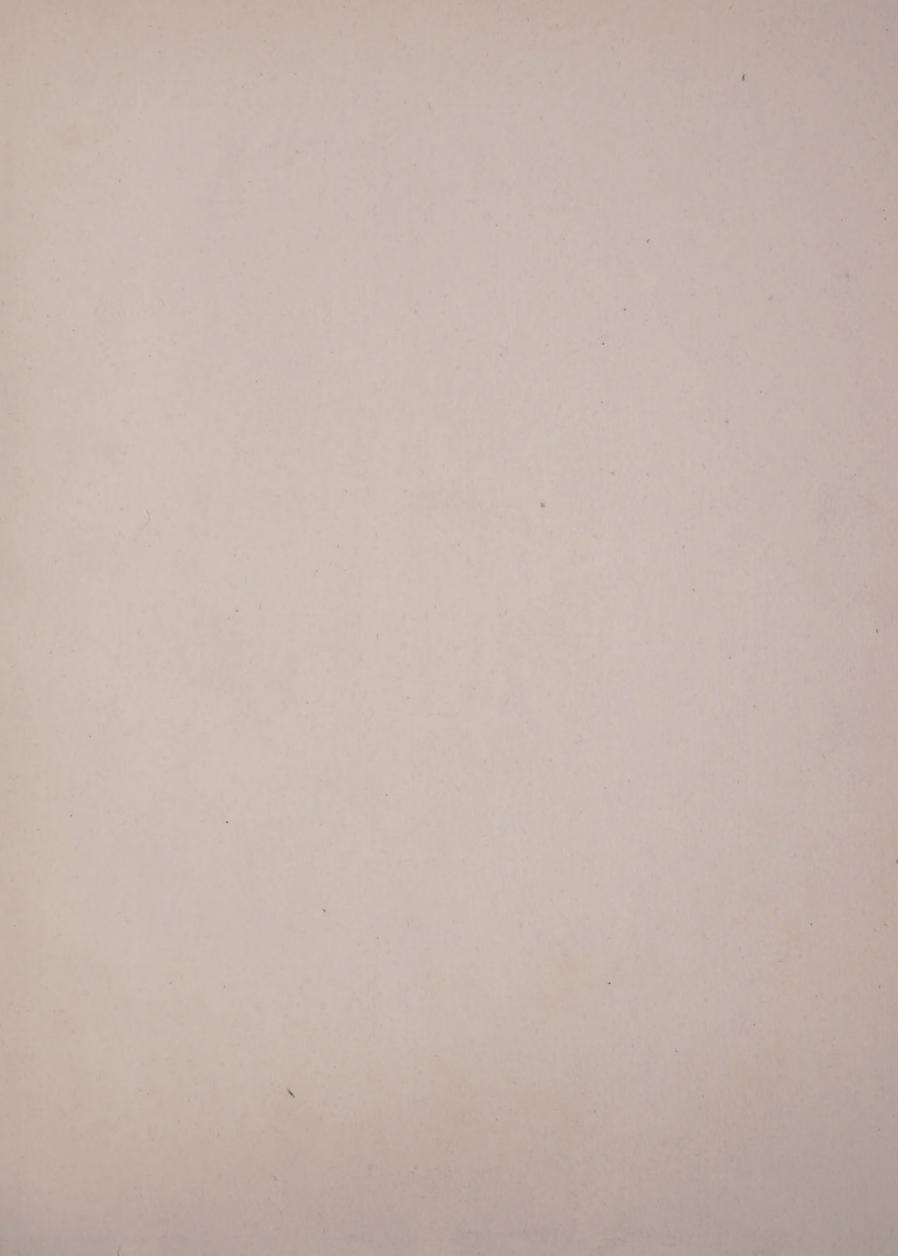


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# GOLDEN HOURS IN CRADLE DAYS

Golden hours in cradle days

Took my little cares away,

As I sat upon my mother's knee;

She sang these little rhymes to me.

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# Rhymes of Golden Childhood

#### THE BUSY BEE

The little bee is busy working all the day,

Gathering in honey and storing it away;

And when the mother takes it she has an awful fight;

They fly around her madly and sting with all their might;

And when the Baby sees her it shakes its hands and feet,

For it knows that mother's bringing something good and sweet;

She has a taste for you and she has a taste for me

From the little pail of honey, from the little honey bee.

# THE ELEPHANT'S TRUNK

They tell me this is an elephant's trunk,

But it looks just like his nose;

It does not look like my Mamma's trunk,

For in it she keeps her clothes.

#### WINTER

The valley of green can not be seen,

And the hills are covered with snow;

Boys and girls on their sleds whirl by

As fast they can go.



THE FROG

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There was a big frog that lived under a log,

He was happy as any you'd meet;

He hopped out one day and went on his way

In search of some good things to eat.

## THE OLD SOAP MAKER

Here's Rudolph Baker, the old soap maker,

Who worked night and day in soap fat;

He wasn't so mean, for he cut off the lean,

And gave to his old Tom Cat.

He peddled his soap from door to door,

Then went back home to make lots more;

So one day his cat fell into the pot;

He said to himself: "I have such a lot."

He called his Tom cat—he had meat that was lean,

But poor old kitty will never be seen.

He cut up his soap and such a surprise—

A bunch of Tom's hair in front of his eyes,

And a bone of Tom's leg, the story is told;

"I can never let any of this be sold."



#### TOMMY TOE

"Come on, let's go," said Tommy Toe,

Down to the pile of sand; With shovel and hoe, off we

go

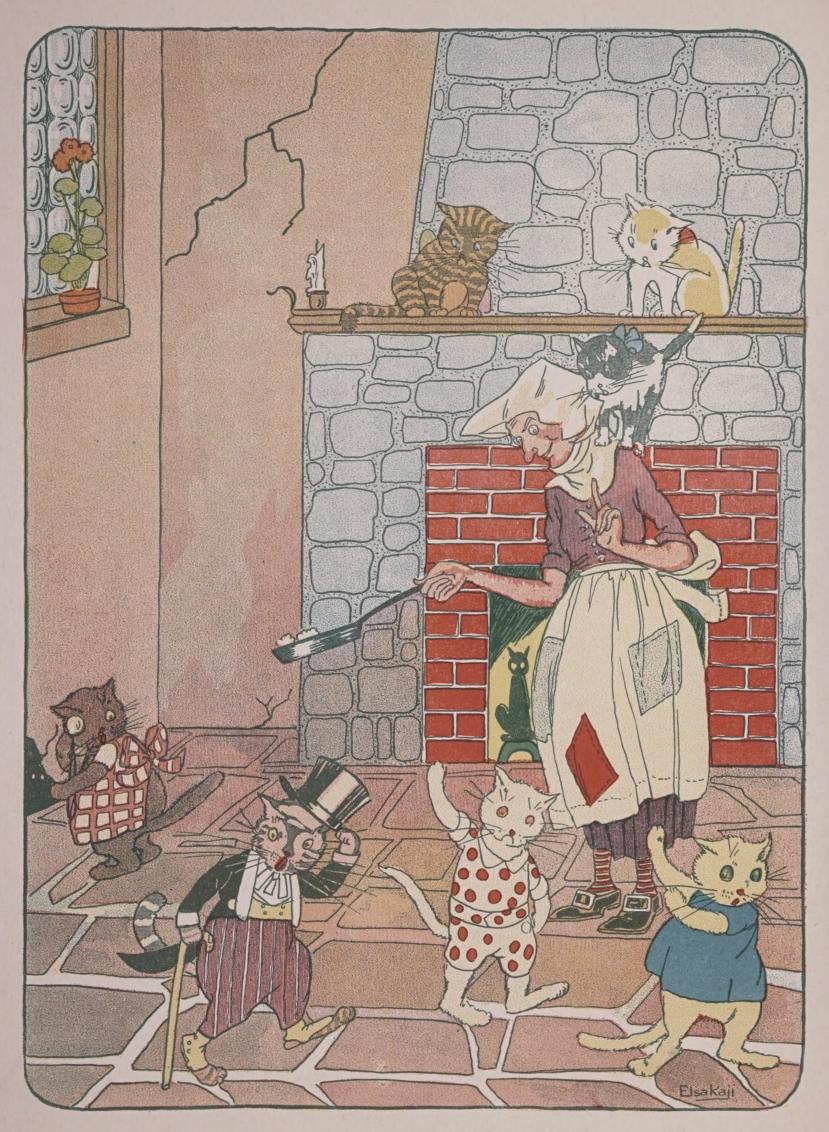
Running hand in hand;

We'll make some hills, and little sand mills,

And big tunnels we'll dig through;

Then we will play with Nina and May,

And they will play with you.



THE OLD WOMAN AND CATS

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There was an old woman that had so many cats,

She couldn't buy them lean meat, and they wouldn't eat fat.

One was named Tom, who walked with a cane;

One was named Mary and one named Jane;

Jane wore a glass on her little gray eye,

And said, "I'll go catch some mice for a nice mousie pie."

# OLD BLACK DAN

Here's old Black Dan, black as a crow,

Get on his back and watch Dan go;

He can trot, race and pace, He's won many a race;

You can drive him, so they say,

But I've seen Dan run away;

He's not as fast as he used to be,

I have seen Dan go in two and three.

# A LITTLE RABBIT

I am a little rabbit with a nest in yonder field;

Over in the orchard I get my little meal.

One day I was sitting in the grass beneath the tree;

I heard the howling of the dog coming close to me.

I took my little bite and started off to run,

I jumped out right in front of a man with a gun.

First there was a roar, then a great big sound,

And just behind me running was a spotted hound.

I asked my little feet to do the best they can,

And I soon got away from the dogs and the man.





THE MAN IN THE MOON

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Oh! man in the moon, please tell me why

You always live up in the sky?

I look for you when it gets light,

And you sneak around when it is night;

As I lie awake in my little bed, I can always see your big bright head;

And as I waken from my sleep,
Through my window you
always peep.

# WOODEN LEG HANK

There was an old man who had a wooden leg,

And all he had to do was to walk around and beg;

So he went by the name of "Wooden Leg Hank,"

Down in his wooden leg he had his savings bank;

So one day some bad boys set fire to his leg,

And burned up all the money that he worked so hard to save.

#### UP WE GO

Daddy made a swing for me on the limb of our old tree;

He tied me in so good and tight—then pulled the knot with all his might;

So if my Daddy I should call, and loose my hold, I couldn't fall.

As I sat upon my little seat, to me he sang some songs so sweet,

And as he swung me far away the swing came back, but did not stay;

With one big push I went so high, while Daddy sang sweet lullaby.





LITTLE TOMMY BROWN

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Little Tommy Brown used to run around

With a piece of bread and butter in his hand.

So he saw a great big spider, And he made his steps much wider;

Such a strange thing he couldn't understand.

"Oh, Mamma, come quick and bring a big stick,

There's a funny, funny thing down here."

She took him by his hand; "Now be a little man,

For there's nothing very much to fear."

# OLD COCK-A-DOODLE-DO

Old cock-a-doodle-do that lived in a town,

Annoyed all the neghbors that lived around;

He could cock-a-doodle-do before day break;

With his cock-a-doodle-do every baby he would wake.



## MY DOLLY

I had a little baby, its head was made of wood;

To make that little baby cry I never, never could;

I've caught its pretty fingers many times in our big door;

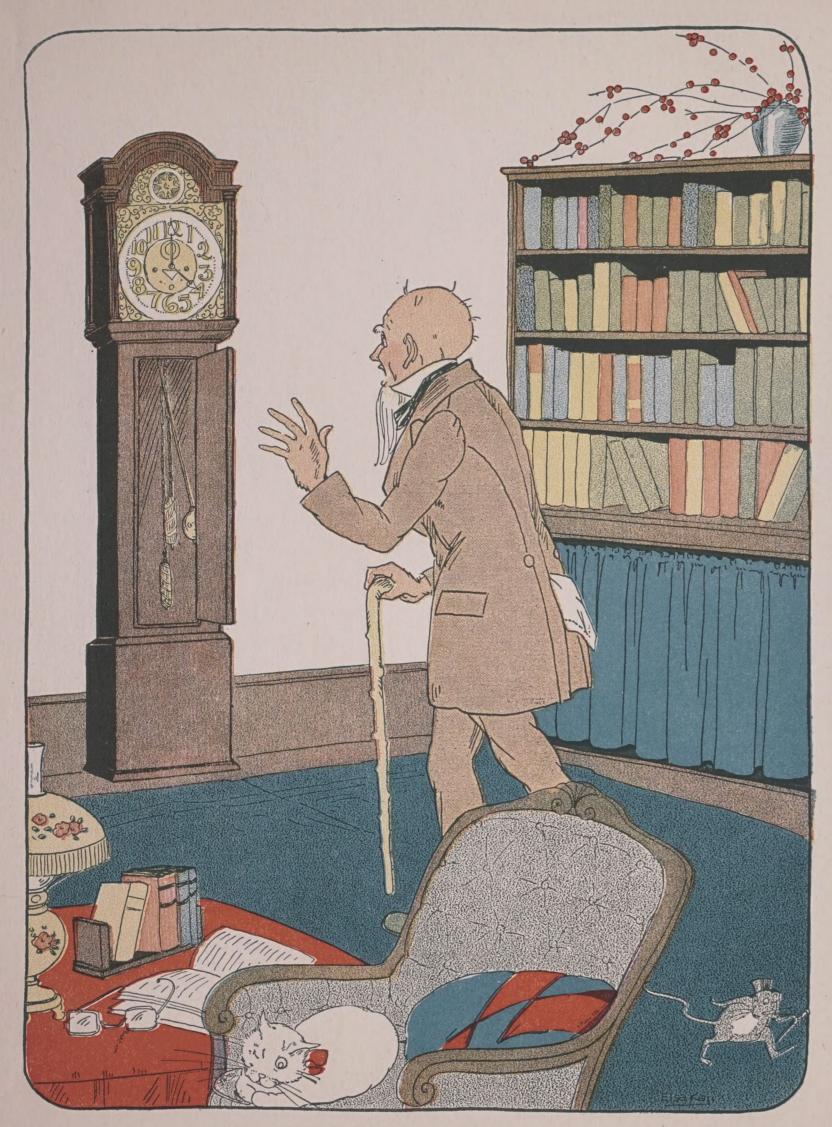
I've knocked its little head quite hard upon the floor;

And then it only looked, but never tried to cry;

Not even one tear came in its precious little eye;

Mamma made a dress all trimmed with pretty lace;

Sometimes I get a washcloth to wash its little face.



THE INQUISITIVE MOUSE

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There was a little mouse that wanted to know the time,

So he ran right up the clock to wind;

While he was up the clock struck four,

The mouse ran down, and forgot to shut the door.

The old man said "Who's been at my clock?

The door was standing open and I know I had it locked."

So the little mousie said, "I'll not try this any more,

For there might be a pussy cat standing at the door."

# OLD DOG SPORT

There was an old dog by the name of "Sport,"

He loved all the kittens, but not to court.

He was always hunting cats, in this he had his fun,

And when kitty saw him coming she knew she had to run.

Poor kitty lost no time in getting to a tree; She said: "Now you bad dog, you can't catch me,

For I have my back up and my tail puffed too,

I would like to see some big dog come and chase you."

## LITTLE BLACK SHEEP

Ba-Ba, little sheep, 'twill soon be shearing day,

When they will come and cut your wool and carry it away.

Our little flock of black sheep grow a lot of wool,

And when they come and cut it we get the bags all full;

Then our little black sheep, on hot summer days,

Will feel so much cooler with its wool clipped away.





HIP-A-DE-HOP

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There was an old man went hip-a-de-hop;

His one leg kept growing and couldn't be stopped;

It grew and it grew to the length of three or four;

He folded it on hinges to get in the door.

#### BUSY LITTLE ANTS

Ten thousand little ants, and maybe a thousand more,

Were coming and going in and out their little door;

They marched like little soldiers with a general at the head;

They did not carry guns, only little crumbs of bread;

They were laying up their goodies for a cold winter day,

Not like the lazy grasshopper that dances around and plays;

We watched the little army, as they came and as they go;

A system like the ants have would conquer any foe.



# THE WAGON GRANDPA MADE

Grandpa took a soap box, and a wagon he did make;

He rode me up and down the yard, then took me out the gate;

He took an old broom stick, and a handle was made strong;

It was short for poor old grandpa, for me a little long;

Then grandpa took a saw and cut me out four wheels;

I'd see him stop and puff, then a glance at me he'd steal;

Then Grandpa got the paint pot, and painted it all green;

I know I have a dandy, the best that I have seen.



KITTY BROWN

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I had a little kitten, and I named him Kitty Brown;

You couldn't find a nicer kitty anywhere around;

He was so nice, and playful, and sometimes awfully bad;

He often tangled Granny's yarn, and tried to make her mad:

When Granny'd start her knitting he would always get the ball

And pull it down upon the floor, so she'd not hear it fall:

Then with his little paws he'd tangle it into a mat,

Then I'd hear my Granny say, "Hiss, hiss you naughty cat;"

Now, kitty wasn't naughty, for he did it all in fun;

He loved to tangle Granny's yarn to see her make him run.

# THE DOG FIGHT

Daddy's old white bull dog met a wolf dog on the street;

Wolfie jumped at Daddy's dog as if the dog he'd eat; Daddy said, "You watch him and see just what he'll do;

There'll be nothing left of wolfie when bully dog gets through."

# THE LONG NECK **GIRAFFE**

Here is the Giraffe, his long neck you can see;

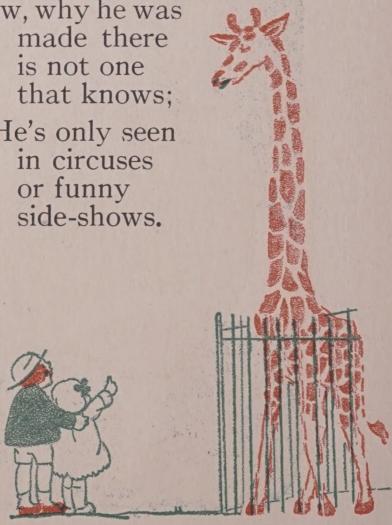
He can eat all the leaves from a very high tree.

Just look at this neck how it slopes right straight down:

If you ride him like a horse, you would slide off on the ground.

Now, why he was made there is not one that knows;

> He's only seen in circuses or funny side-shows.





THREE LITTLE PIGGIES

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Three little piggies, just as cute as could be,

Lived in a pig pen, beneath a big tree,

One little piggie was as greedy as could be,

He ate from the others all he could see;

So one day a butcher came, a fat pig to buy,

Greedy didn't want to go, for he knew he had to die;

So the butcher pulled him out by his two little ears,

While brothers in the corner shed lots of tears;

They grunted, and they grunted, and they cried all the day,

For their dear little brother the butcher took away.

# THE TORTOISE

I crawl around with my house on my back,

And I never remember coming back.

I may linger a while as I go on my way,

But to make it my home I never can stay.

When night overtakes me I shut up my door,

Until the next morning along about four;

My life is a sad one, and that you must know,

I crawl around daily with no place to go.



# THE PEACOCK

I am a beautiful peacock with feathers blue and green;

Istrutaroundthethoroughfare and create quite a scene;

I am a handsome fowl, and I know I can't be beat;

The thing that makes my feathers fall is glancing at my feet.



THE NAUGHTY PUP

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My naughty little puppy is as bad as bad can be,

I never do a single thing unless he's there to see;

He pulls my little dress, and tears my pretty lace;

No matter where I turn my head, I see his little face.

When I get bread and butter he never wants to mind.

Unless I give him half of it, he starts an awful whine.

He chews up my jumping rope, my dolly, and my ball;

I know just when he has them, for he won't come when I call.

Now you can see the mischief sticking from my puppy's eyes;

He went to Mamma's pantry, and ate up all the pies;

But, ah, my puppy's nice, if he is so awfully bad;

If he should go away from me, I know I would be sad.

#### LITTLE LADY BUG

Little lady bug, please fly away,

But come and see me some other day.

I'm very sorry I can't let you stay,

But I'm going out to play, right away.

Sofly away, lady bug, please fly away.

# BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY

I am a pretty butterfly, with colors bright and gay;

My beautiful wings, which you can see, I use them as I may;

Boys sometimes strike at me, I'm sure I know not why;

Sometimes to get away from them I fly high in the sky.





BROWN'S MULE

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Brown had a mule and he balked so,

Brown twisted his tail to make him go;

The mule's heels kicked up, so quick and high,

That poor old Brown nearly kissed the sky.

And the mule still stands, as you can see—

"Never twist my tail to pester me."

# JINGLE, JINGLE

Jingle, jingle the sounding bell.

Poor kitty fell in our big
well;

Jingle the bell to sound the call:

Please come quick, come one and all;

And as we turn the handle round,

Up comes the bucket all iron bound.

First thing we saw was kitty's head,

All soaking wet, but far from dead.

We lifted kitty to the ground, He shook the water all

around;

Then he started to jump and play,

The same as any other day;

Had it not been for the jingle bell,

Kitty would be in our big well.



# THE LITTLE SQUIRREL

Hush, little children, I've something to say;

There's a dear little squirrel, so bushy and gray;

He peeps through the branches and plays day by day;

Now don't make a noise and scare him away.



FATTY WISE

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There was a fat boy, his name was Billy Wise;

He had great big ears and tiny little eyes;

He liked to play games and often fell down;

He bounced like a rubber ball when he struck the ground.

#### NINA'S PONIES

Nina had two ponies, one was black and one was gray;

She drove her little ponies many miles a day;

She loved her ponies dearly and knew what they could do;

She never drove them singly, she always drove the two.

Her pony-cart was painted andlookedlike it was new;

The wheels were painted red, the body painted blue;

The harness glittered brightly, the brass shone like gold;

She looked like a queen in some fairy tale of old.

The little ponies love her and seemed to understand,

That she had sugar for them and fed them from her hand.

Nina loved to feed them, you could go there any day, And always find the stable full of corn and hay.

# THE BEGGING DOG

There was a little dog that had a lame leg;

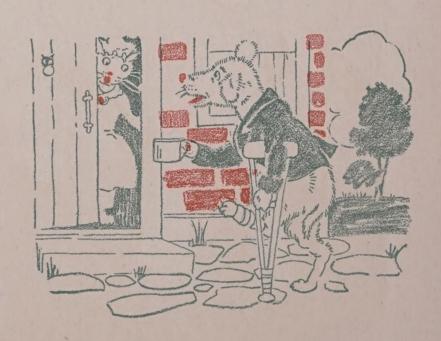
He couldn't buy a crutch, so a crutch he had to beg;

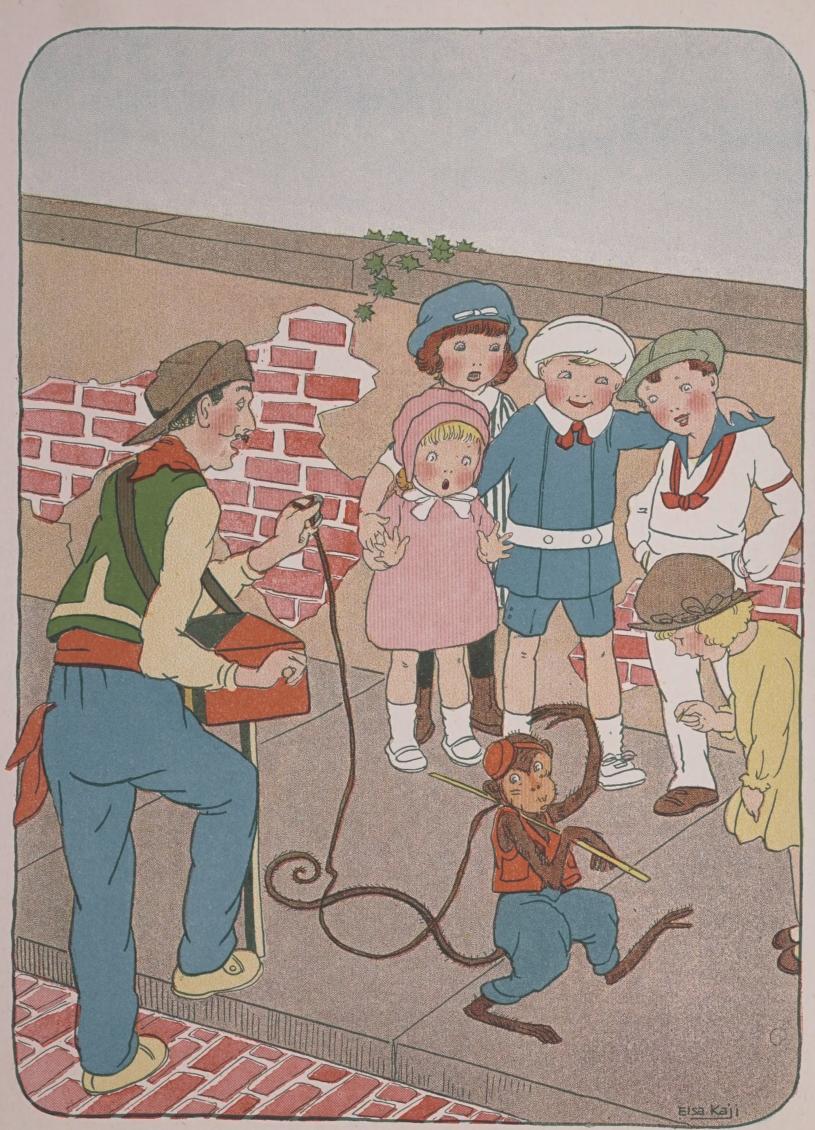
He hobbled down the street from door to door,

Only using three legs when he had one more;

He wore a little coat with a little velvet collar;

He limped around all day and only got a dollar.





THE TRICKY MONKEY

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Here is a little monkey, as tricky as can be;

He cuts his capers on the ground and then jumps in the tree;

You often see a monkey and a grinder on the street,

He makes good friends with everyone, no matter who he meets.

He wears a pretty cap and a little red coat,

And has a little strap buckled under his throat;

For a penny he will bow to the children all day,

'Till his master pulls the chain and takes him away.

#### WHIP-POOR-WILL

Here is the Whip-poor-will, hear him call.

Whip-poor-will! Whip-poor-will! you hear him say.

You hear him call at sunset and seldom in the day.

He is a long and skinny bird, the most peculiar ever heard;

It's hard to tell the things he eats, he catches insects for his meats.

We've heard old Rip Van Winkle say the Whippoor-will sang in his golden day;

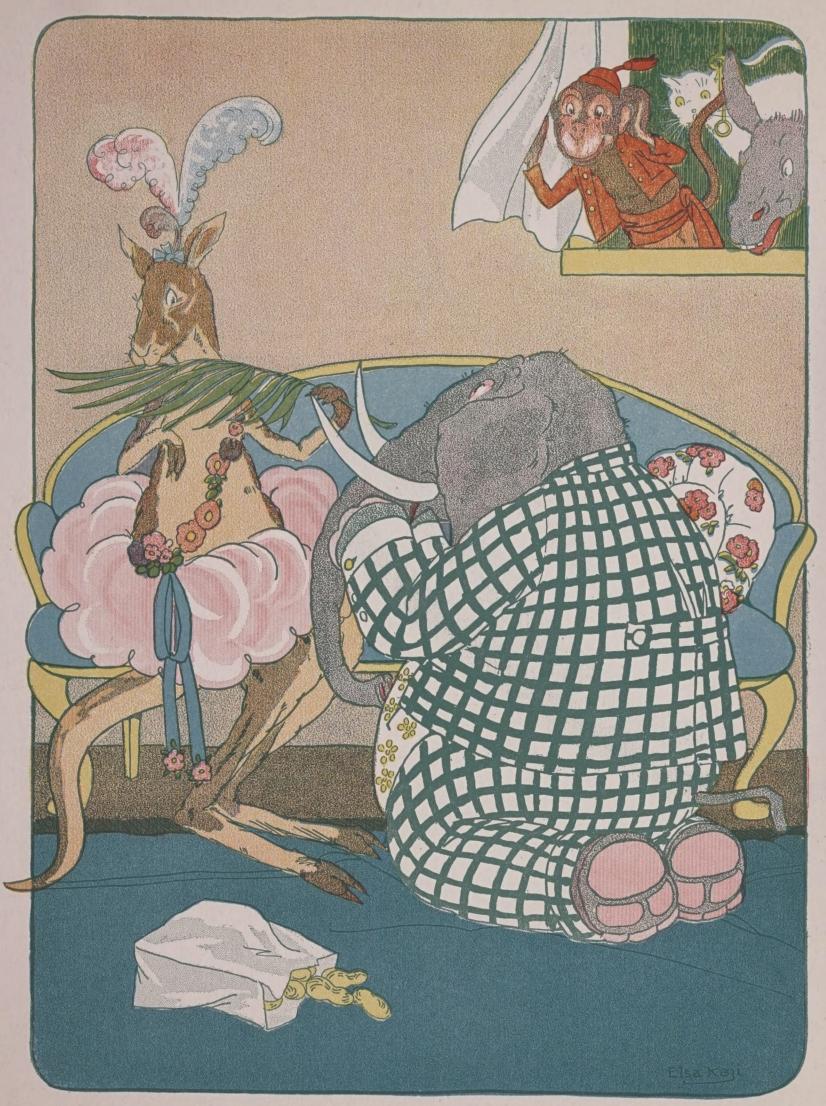
And as he roamed in the valley of green, many a Whippoor-will he has seen.

## OH! PUSSY CAT

Oh! Pussy cat, Pussy cat,
Where did you go!
I've hunted most every place,
Both high and low.
Now where can I find you,

Oh! what shall I do?
But just then I spied her,
Inside an old shoe.





MR. ELEPHANT AND MISS KANGAROO

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The elephant said to the kangaroo,

"With your consent, I'll marry you;

I have a big trunk, as you can see,

It will hold enough for you and me."

Miss Kangaroo said, "What would I do

With a husband as big and fat as you;

My friends would laugh, when they would see

Such a funny couple as you and me."

# WHISTLING TOM

Whistling Tom would whistle, no matter what you'd say;

He would whistle, and whistle, and whistle night and day;

He whistled in the house and whistled on the street,

And whistled in the ears of every one he'd meet;

He would whistle on his journeys as he went his way around;



The neighbors got together to drive him from the town.

One day his whistling stopped, and the people all said,

"What is wrong with the whistler, is he alive or is he dead?"

The whistler had a cold and was laid up for a day,

And the neighbors of the town packed up to move away.

You could go to church or a a little country fair,

You would not miss the whistler, for he would be there.



MOUSIE GRAY

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There was a little mousie, his name was mousie Gray;

He took his little baggage and moved a mile away.

He stopped at a farm house where there was a cat;

He liked his home very well, but didn't like that;

So he got his little baggage and moved to the barn;

"I know now that kitty can't do me any harm."

So one day Mousie came out to have a play,

And there he spied Kitty sleeping in the hay;

But Kitty didn't see him as he ran along the floor,

Heran in the house and shut his little door.

#### THE SKINNY PIGGY

I'm a tiny little pig and I know how to dance a jig;

I wear a curl right on my tail,

And never was stout, but always frail.

I am brother to a twin,

My sister grows fat while I grow thin;

So they spared my life, how lucky I've been,

For they thought it not right to kill one so thin.

# SWEET ROLLS AND STORIES

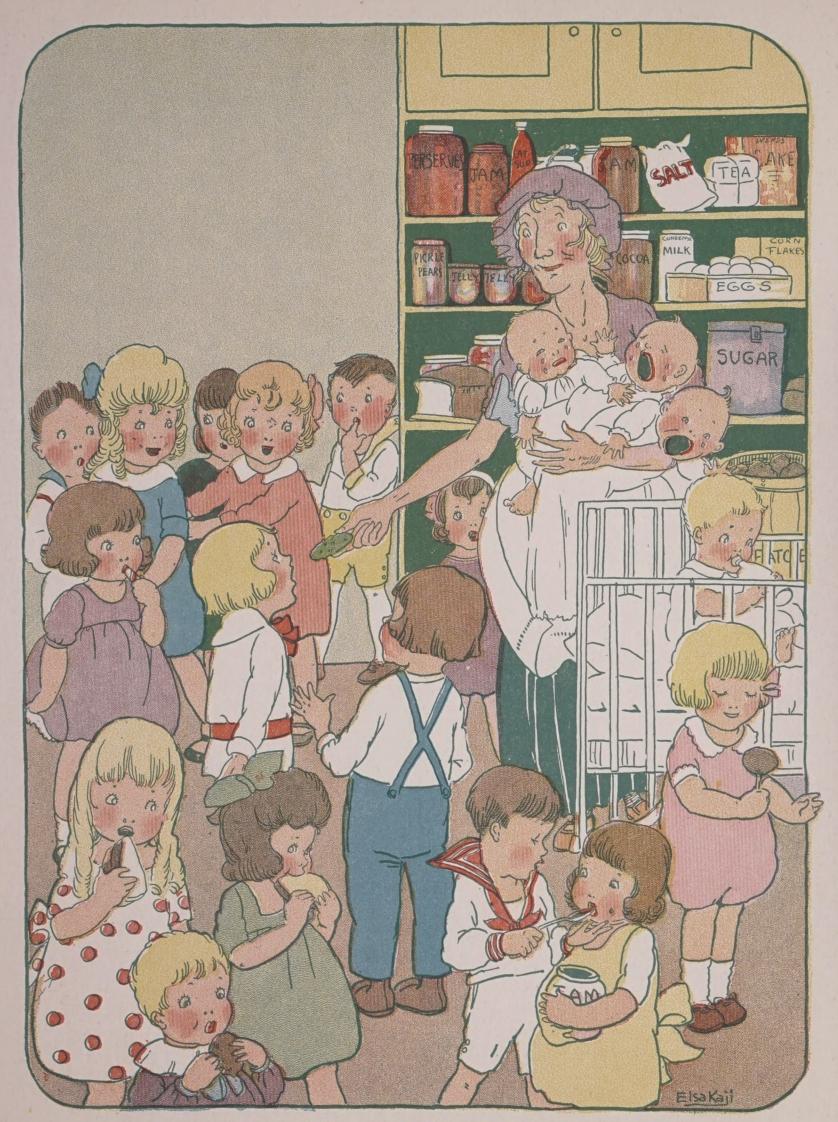
There was an old woman, sweet rolls she sold,

As we gave her our pennies, nice stories she told;

And the children from far and the children from near,

Would come and buy, for her stories to hear.





THE LARGE FAMILY

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There was an old woman that was not a bit lazy

She had so many children they almost drove her crazy;

She rose in the morning along about four,

And dressed them, and still there were more.

She went to the pantry for good things to eat;

To some she gave sours, to some she gave sweets;

Some she gave cake, some she gave bread,

Some she gave bottles and put them to bed.

Some were little boys, and some were little girls,

Some wore pompadours and some wore curls.

# A COW WITH A CRUMPLED HORN

Here is a cow with a crumpled horn,

That eats all night 'till early morn;

She can butt and she can kick, And often jumps over the candlestick.



### THE LITTLE LAMB

One early morn a lamb was born, children loved it so;

It thought it had the right along with them to go,

And when the children came to play, the little lamb came trottin';

It was white as white could be, just like a ball of cotton.

The little lamb was loved, and they all called it the pet,

If any one should hurt it, there'd be trouble, you can bet.

The little children loved it, and loved it more and more;

You would find it at the school house, waiting at door.



LITTLE WHITE BEAR

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The little white bear with his little bare feet,

As cute a little fellow as you would care to meet.

They say that he can hug, as tight, as tight can be;

But I would not like to let him try and hug me;

See how he sits up, and then climbs the pole;

Then he turns a summersault, and does what he's told;

Then you hear his master say, hink-ti-hink-ti, hy-diddle-da,

He picks up his little pole and walks right away.

### THE SLY OLD CAT

There was an old cat as sly as could be,

He was always watching birdies up in the tree.

You could see him in the bushes hiding all around,

Waiting for the birdies to light upon the ground;

But the birdies are on the watch, with their bright little eyes,

And they know how to use their little wings to fly.

### THE DEER

Here stands a very pretty deer,

With eyes to see and ears to hear,

Feet to run and nose to smell;
The hunter knows these facts quite well,

And when the hounds are on his trail

He'll glide the forest with speed of the mail,

Through gulleys and ditches and over ravines,

He'll take up his quarters, in parts unseen.





ANDREW MACK

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Here you see young Andrew Mack,

Who puts a saddle on piggie's back;

He gets on piggie every day, And rides poor piggie far away.

### OLD LADY BAKER

Old Lady Baker goes hip-ade, hip-a-de hop;

Whenever she wants a dollar she has togo and stop;

Listen, my old lady, it is a funny thing to do.

To carry around your money in your old leather shoe;

It is my own business just what I want to do,

Whether I carry it in my stocking or carry it in my shoe.

### THE LITTLE DARKEY

I am as black as black can be, I'm crazy 'bout chicken, as you can see; I just snapped my fingers, one, two, three,

And this here chicken walked up to me.

Poor chicken will take a trip today,

But to come back again, he never may.



# THE BIG-EYED OWL

Old Mr. Owl sat in my big tree,

And through my window he peeped at me;

His eyes looked like the big red sun;

Oh! how I wish I had daddy's gun;

The old owl heard what I had to say,

And spread his wings and flew away.



OLD PETER FARRELL

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Old Peter Farrell put his wife in a barrel

To take her a ride down a hill;

She didn't want to go, but he insisted so,

For she knew that she would get a big spill.

She got in the barrel, said "Good-bye, Mr. Farrell,

I will take this long ride all alone."

Peter heard her holler, saw her hat and collar,

And knew she had broken her bones.

### FOUR BLACK CROWS

Four black crows sat in a tree, They were as black as black could be.

They were singing songs of jubilee;

A gun shot was heard and down came three.

### THE LITTLE APPLES

Here we are, but little apples, growing on our tree;

We're growing here for some one, as you can plainly see;

And the nice rain comes to make us grow and grow;

Then the sun to ripen us, and make our colors glow;

And then they come along with their large bags to pick;

They sometimes strike us hard with a great big stick.

And sometimes there will come along a gentle man,

Who will pluck, and lift us down with his kind and gentle hand;

Then a long ride we get to a pretty market stall,

Where we are handled carefully, and bought by one and all.





ANDY GOOSE

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Andy had a goose that said Quack, Quack, Quack;

He rode to school on its soft feather back;

It made the children laugh in school,

To see poor Andy such a fool;

So the goose got tired and said one day,

"Farewell, Andy," and flew away.

He saw it fly beyond the hill, And never said a word, but just sat still.

# THE OWL AT THE SWIMING HOLE

There was an old owl sat on a limb,

When a man came down to take a swim;

He hooted at me and he hooted at him;

The old man got frightened and he fell in;

One big kick and then a splash;

He went down, which settled his hash.



# THE FOX AND THE CHICKENS

Mr. Red Rooster took old Mrs. Hen

Down to the barn yard to Piggie's pen;

He knew that there he would get some feed,

Just the kind that they both would need;

They ate so much, and it became so late,

As they went home, they met their fate;

For an old sly fox was lying low,

To see which way they both would go;

As they started home, Oh, such a surprise!

The fox leaped out with great big eyes;

Then one big flutter, as chickens do;

It is all that I can tell to you.



THE BUTTING CALF

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There was and old man who had a calf,

He tried his best to make it laugh;

The calf just looked like it hadn't any sense,

And gave him a butt right through the fence.

# BETSY JANE

Betsy Jane went up the lane with my little daughter;

They took a pail in their hands to bring it full of water;

The pump handle went up and the pump handle came down,

And the water ran out all over the ground;

Said Betsy: "Please don't let a drop of it spill,

And do let me know when you get it all filled."

The pail they did fill, and now ready to go,

When clumsy old Betsy stumped her poor toe;

And had it not been for my little daughter,

Betsy might have spilled every bit of the water.

#### MAKING HAY

Come, little children, let's go today

Out to see them making hay; They say the bee is on the wing.

And we may hear the birdies sing.

### POOR BILLY BUMP

Billy Bump went out one day

To see the farmers making
hay;

Worn and tired from the heat, He ran some thistles in his feet;

With a grunt and then a groan,

He came hopping, hopping home.





GRANDDAD'S PIPE

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My Granddad had a meerschaum pipe, and Oh! how awfully strong,

He would often sit and smoke it, and smoke it all day long,

I loved to watch the rings, as he blew the puffs of smoke,

And often sat and listened to him tell his funny jokes,

Granddad blew a smoke ring, then a soap bubble I blew too;

We sat and watched the smoke ring, pass the bubble through,

Then Granddad blew smoke rings, with all his might and main,

We sat and watched the bubbles pass through and through again;

My Granddad is a blower, and it may all go up in smoke,

But I love to sit and watch him, and hear his little jokes.



# THE SNAIL

Two little girls went out to play

On a warm and balmy day; "Oh! Mother dear, come quick with me,

Just what it is, please come and see;

Its little house looks just like stone,

And it seems to live there all alone;

And as we played beneath the tree,

It stuck its horney head at me."

Mother found it but a snail
That always leaves a silver trail.



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There was an old hen, in the straw she made her nest,

And to lay a lot of eggs, she tried to do her best;

She laid every day, until she laid about twenty,

As she counted them she said, "I think I have plenty."

So twenty little peeps, from their shells one day hopped,

And said, "Dear Mother, where will we find our Pop."

"Now, you will find your Pop, when he crows at day break,

And I am sure my little babies, his voice will wake."

### FARMER BROWN

There is a good old farmer And his name is Henry Brown;

His sheep are in the meadow, His cows have gone to town.

The pigs are in the clover And the colts are in the hay, The ducks are in the river, Swimming far away.

#### THE BAD GOAT

Here is a goat that won't stay home,

And around the streets he loves to roam;

A lady he met on the street one day,

And he tried to take her clothes away.

This goat sometimes attacks a man;

They say he often eats tin cans.

Now Billy has a sister Nan,

And to go with Billy she never can,

For she would not let Billy be,

The bad, bad goat, that's here you see.



# OLD SAPPY JOHN

Old Sappy John, with his side boards on—

Old Sappy John taught school;

Old Sappy John, with his side boards on,

Punished us all with his rule.

Now, if we were late we knew our fate,

As he stood at his desk and frowned.

He would shake his bald head, just as he said,

"You go there right now and sit down."

## GRINDER'S MILL

"Tell me, my kind lady, how far is Grinder's mill?"

"Yonder at the forked roads, just beyond the hill;

The mills are grinding daily, not only corn and wheat;

They grind the bread for everyone, no matter whom you meet."

# MILKMAID AND HER COW

The old cow comes in the morning and also comes at night.

The milkmaid comes with her pail, all glowing with delight;

She sends it to the babies with bright eyes of blue;

She sends it to the little babies with eyes like you.



